

**Town of New Haven Selectboard Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**  
**Town Offices**

**\*\* Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held via GoToMeeting\*\***

Selectboard: Chair, John Roleau, Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl, Kathy Barrett,  
Steve Dupoise and Bruce Many  
Town Administrator / ZA: Aaron Brown

Visitors: Dean Gilmore, Jamie Duggan, Susan Smiley, Florian Oberhuber, Tim Bouton,  
and Laura Trieschmann

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Early Morning traffic patrol, and Personal policy

**TRAIN DEPOT UPDATE:** Steve Dupoise, Susan Smiley, Florian Oberhuber and Tim Bouton set up a display on Saturday morning during trash & recycling to receive the towns input on where to put the train depot. The Depot committee narrowed it down to two possible locations: New Haven Junction or the "Sleeper lot" next to the town office and library. Around 75% of the town residents wanted to keep the depot in the junction near Routes 7 and 17. This property would have to be purchased from CD Cairns, which is currently leased by David Livingston. There was a lot of discussion on the two different locations.

**Junction:** Keeping it in the junction near the tracks, more people would see it because of the traffic on Route 7, and it's where it belongs.

**Sleeper Lot:** Putting it next to the town office it could attract people to the village / it would open up more grant opportunities because of the Village Designation / it would be less expensive because the town already owned the land.

Laura Trieschmann, who works for the Vermont Historic Preservation is applying for the Northern Borders grant on behalf of the Town; she strongly encourages the town to move the depot to the Sleeper lot. She believes since the town already owns the land we would be more apt to receive this grant. She described the lot owned by CD Cairns in the Junction to be a "Brown Field" because of the gas station that was there many years ago. Note: the soils have already been tested at the site of the gas station and are fine. The surrounding land would have to be tested to get final clearance.

Jamie Duggan who is working on the cost and plan for the actual move of the train depot, says there is a lot of constraints of moving the depot to either location; one of

them being the height of the depot. He believes that the roof will have come off, regardless of the destination in order to get it under power lines that serve several different businesses. Jamie will have the costs ready by Thursday, May 13, to go with the grant application.

The Board feels that they do not have enough information yet on which location they are going to select for the depot and would like to wait on what Jamie comes up with for moving cost.

Tim Bouton doesn't want the decision to be made solely on what it will cost to move the depot, rather on what the town wishes.

The town is not funding this project, the state has put the depot in their budget, and there will also be grant money. Once the train depot is at a different location, the Sleeper lot or in the junction, the train depot will then become a property of the Town of New Haven.

The Selectboard has all agreed that the train depot needs to be saved and will hold an Emergency meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to hold a vote on the location they choose for the depot.

#### **VISITORS BUSINESS:**

Senator Sanders reached out to Dean Gilmore to come up with a community project for a grant opportunity. Dean would like to propose a new fire station and town shed. The fire station is also an emergency shelter for the town and it is not up to standards. It is not ADA accessible, does not have adequate restrooms and does not have potable water. The fire station's location is also a problem when emergency vehicles are trying to pull out onto Route 17 on the hill. Senator Sanders has done a lot for local fire stations in the past with training stations and Dean believes that we might have a chance at this grant. Dean is looking for help filling out the application for the grant. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to have Aaron Brown and Dean Gilmore proceed with the funding request for the fire station, with Taborri's help. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote taken by roll call 5 yes/ 0 no

#### **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

1. Steve received a complaint from a resident about truck traffic on River Road in the early morning. John Roleau is going to reach out to the Sheriff's Department and have them patrol the road in the morning.
2. Kathy Barrett has a meeting with Cindy Hill on May 20<sup>th</sup> to go over the personnel policy. Kathy is asking the board to go through the policy and to see if there is anything that needs to be changed. Kathy wants to be more proactive on the policy so we don't have to keep going back to it as situations arise. Taborri Bruhl mentioned looking at the way vacation time is accrued.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT given by Aaron Brown:**

1. **Road Update:** Aaron wants the board to think about long term planning for Pearson road, this road is always discussed as needing to be dealt with but nothing happens. Taborri stated that the board always believed that the road needs to be engineered and wanted to know if this was a real thing. Steve remembers that Phelps Engineering has looked at the road and said the ledge and water it is causing the road to move. The water needs to be channeled and the road needs to be supported. Taborri would like to put this road in next year's budget.

John also was worried about the amount of time the grader is being used. He heard that the road crew was using the loader instead of the grader to repair roads. There was a lot of discussion on the condition of the dirt roads and the age of the grader. The board would like to encourage the road crew to use the grader more.

2. **Town Buildings and Land:** Aaron wants the board to know that town is still moving forward with the town hall being ADA compliant.

### **AUTHORIZATIONS:**

1. Steve Dupoise made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 04/24/2021, in the amount of \$4,396.71, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
2. Bruce Many made a motion to approve payroll for the week ending 05/01/2021, in the amount of \$4101.10, seconded by Taborri Bruhl. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
3. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the pay orders dated 05/04/2021, in the amount of \$22,768.27, seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
4. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to allow Field Days to use the Town Generator and permission to hold Tractor Pulls and Demo Derbies the week of August 10 – 14, 2021. The road crew will deliver the generator. Motion Second by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no
5. Taborri Bruhl made a motion to approve the Selectboard minutes from 4/20/21, seconded by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to go into executive session, to include TA / ZA, Aaron Brown at 8:48pm to discuss a personnel matter. Motion seconded by Bruce Many. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:08 pm, motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to increase Ron Greenes' pay to \$18.00 per hour, retroactive to his return to work in 2021. Motion seconded by Steve Dupoise. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Taborri Bruhl made a motion to pay all Auditors and Listers a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Motion second by Kathy Barrett. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

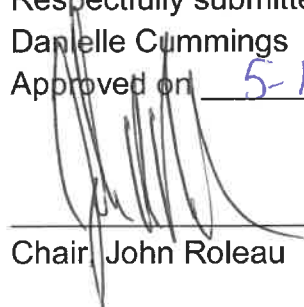
Taborri Bruhl made a motion to adjourn at 9:15. Motion second by John Roleau. Vote by roll call 5 yes / 0 no

Adjourn: 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Cummings

Approved on 5-18-21

  
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Chair, John Roleau

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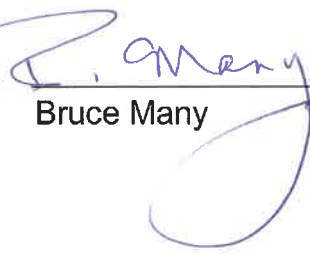
Vice Chair, Taborri Bruhl



Kathy Barrett



Steve Dupoise



Bruce Many